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8                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
10                  AT TACOMA

11 BRUCE E. SMITH,  
12                   Petitioner,  
13                  v.  
14 JEFFREY UTTECHT, *et al.*,  
15                  Respondents.

Case No. C06-5678RJB-KLS

ORDER GRANTING  
RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
ANSWER

17                  This matter is before the court on respondent's motion for an extension of time until June 6, 2007,  
18 to file an answer to petitioner's *habeas corpus* petition. (Dkt. #25) After reviewing the motion and the  
19 remaining record, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows.

20                  The Court finds that due to the reasons set forth in respondent's motion, it is proper to grant the  
21 request for an extension of time to file an answer to the petition. Indeed, respondent already has submitted  
22 his answer, which was filed on June 5, 2007. (Dkt. #26). Accordingly, respondent's motion (Dkt. #25)  
23 hereby is GRANTED.

24                  The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to petitioner and counsel for respondent.

25                  DATED this 15th day of June, 2007.

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Karen L. Strombom  
United States Magistrate Judge